

House Resolution No. 3747

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Dr. W. Robert Bell, an esteemed resident of Jefferson City, Missouri, who will officially retire from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education on August 31, 2004, after ten years of exceptional service and dedication; and

Whereas, Dr. Bell has successfully completed the duties and tasks placed before him throughout his impressive tenure as Director of Professional Development, during which time he was instrumental in the development of the state model for Performance-Based teacher and principal evaluations, the Missouri Professional Development Guidelines for Student Success, and the Missouri Select Teachers as Regional Resources Program; and

Whereas, a former Assistant Superintendent of Instruction with the Rockwood School District, Dr. Bell has devoted his entire professional career to the education of Missouri's students in the important roles he has played as a teacher, coach, and administrator in Missouri for thirty-three years prior to joining the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in 1994; and

Whereas, Dr. Bell is the proud recipient of several awards and honors including the Bayless Outstanding Teacher Award, the Rockwood Outstanding Service in Education Award, and the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals Robert C. Howe Award, just to name a few; and

Whereas, Dr. Bell has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife, Barbara; his three children and their spouses, Cindy and Jeff Kuhn, Andy and Christie Bell, and Sarah and John English; and his three grandchildren, Bea, Ben, and Amelia; and

Whereas, it is entirely fitting and proper that this legislative body should pay tribute to Dr. Bell, a remarkable individual and stellar state employee who will be greatly missed by all those who had the distinct pleasure of knowing and working with him:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Dr. Bell for his ten years of unparalleled service to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and in wishing him the long, rewarding retirement he so richly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Dr. W. Robert Bell.

Offered by _____
Representative Bill Deeken
District No. 114

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3747, adopted July 29, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker